

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. TAYLOR

• Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, successful scholar, and respected community leader, Robert L. Taylor. Bob recently announced that he will retire from his position as Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Louisville. I want to thank Bob for his many years of service to the State of Kentucky and to the Nation.

Since Bob first came to UofL in 1984, the Business School has soared to new heights. Under Bob's leadership, the School has grown to include new undergraduate programs, as well as a masters of business administration, the masters of public administration, and a doctoral program in urban affairs. Thanks to Bob's vision, the School has also developed a top notch entrepreneurship program which has garnered national attention and has been recognized by Success Magazine as one of the best programs in America.

As much as he is recognized for his professional success, Bob is also a widely respected leader in the Louisville business community. Never one to seek the spotlight, Bob has repeatedly worked behind the scenes to facilitate communication among diverse groups in the community. He has helped bring people together time and time again such as with his work in helping develop Greater Louisville, Inc., and Leadership Louisville. Bob has played a critical role in the economic development of the Louisville area and his many contributions are greatly appreciated.

Prior to coming to the University of Louisville, Bob led a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Air Force. His military service began in 1961 when he was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program. During his last ten years in the military, Bob was a professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 1981 he retired from the Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Although he will be retiring from his full time position as Dean of the Business School, Bob will continue to remain very active. In 2003, he has plans to spend time conducting research, studying and teaching. Ultimately, Bob intends to return to UofL in 2004 to teach at the Business School.

Bob Taylor's time as Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Louisville may be coming to an end but his record of unwavering service will continue on for many years. On behalf of this body, I thank him for his dedication and contributions to Kentucky and this nation, and sincerely wish him and the entire Taylor family the very best as he moves into this next phase of life.●

TRIBUTE TO 26 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

• Mr. MILLER. Madam President, I rise to recognize Colonel Phillip R.

Hutcherson, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. Colonel Hutcherson has served our great Nation and the Marine Corps for more than 26 years.

Prior to being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, Colonel Hutcherson attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD.

Colonel Hutcherson's Military Occupational Specialty was that of a Marine "Cobra" pilot. The AH-1 attack helicopter provides the Marine infantry with close air support. It also serves as an armed escort and performs reconnaissance in support of the Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Colonel Hutcherson recently concluded his Marine Corps career working in the Marine Corps' Legislative Affairs Office of Headquarters, Marine Corps. For more than four years, he has interacted with the U.S. Congress in order to explain funding requirements to congressional Members and their staffs. His efforts in this capacity were enormously important to educating the Congress on the importance of Marine Corps' aviation in particular.

Colonel Hutcherson has performed his weighty and challenging duties with steadfast commitment and unrivaled professionalism. The U.S. Senate has been fortunate to have a Marine Officer of his caliber perform liaison duties with us. The Congress and the Marine Corps have benefited immensely from Colonel Hutcherson's wise counsel and candid nature.

I wish him and his lovely wife, Marney, all the best as they enter a new chapter of their lives and pursue interests outside of the Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis.●

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN HEART MONTH

• Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, February is American Heart Month. This is the 38th year that the President and the Congress have acknowledged the need to continue the fight against heart disease. Let me describe my interest in this condition and why I have a special desire to promote practices that will lead to healthier hearts for all Americans.

It is important to recognize that heart disease is this country's number one killer and the leading cause of disability and death in our country. It is estimated that if all forms of cardiovascular disease were eliminated, life expectancy would rise by almost 7 years.

We need all of our citizens to become more knowledgeable about this condition and what can be done to identify and control it. Too often, we think of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases as "men's diseases." But we need to get the message out that these conditions actually kill more American women than men, and that cardiovascular diseases kill more

females each year than the next 9 causes of death combined.

More deaths occur due to cardiac defects than to any other birth defect. Which leads me to one of the reasons I have a special passion to do what I can to promote healthy hearts. I lost a beautiful young daughter to heart disease some years ago, and I have another daughter who has a heart defect. So I have spent a lot of time visiting with cardiologists about the human heart and have first hand knowledge of the devastation of this disease.

How can Members of Congress help fight heart disease? For one thing, we should continue on our course to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health. We have made a lot of progress and I hope that in 2003 we will have met our goal of doubled the funding of the NIH to \$24 billion in only five years. I have visited the researchers at NIH and what is going on there is remarkable.

I am pleased to have been one of those who stimulated this increase in research not only of heart disease, but also, of a variety of other conditions such as cancer and diabetes. Yet even with this increase in funding we must focus our eyes, and those of the Nation, on the many areas of research yet to be pursued. Even with the significant increases in funding, NIH still only has the ability to fund a fraction of meritorious applications. That means many missed opportunities for scientific advancement.

Much of what we know about the causes of cardiovascular disease has been discovered as the result of research sponsored by NIH and has led to much improved treatment. For example, 50 years ago heart attack patients faced a long ordeal of six weeks or more in the hospital and six months before they could sit up in a chair. Now most patients return to normal activities within weeks of a heart attack.

One of the top priorities at NIH is to support studies to facilitate reduction of the epidemic of obesity in American children and adults. Obesity is an important factor leading to diabetes, hypertension and lipid imbalances, all of which are implicated in cardiovascular disease.

I urge my colleagues to join the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition that we founded in 1996. I am a co-chairman in the Senate of this bicameral, bipartisan Coalition with Senator FRIST, who is a former heart transplant surgeon. The purpose of the Coalition, which has grown to over 210 Members, is to raise awareness among Congress and the public about cardiovascular diseases and to support public policies to prevent, treat, and ultimately cure these diseases.

The theme for this year's Heart Month is "Be Prepared for Cardiac Emergencies." Although more than 600 Americans die every day of sudden cardiac arrest, the good news is that normal heart rhythm can be restored in many cases using an electric shock